

## Approved FSTF Meeting Minutes

**10.5.22**

**Members Present:** Cissie Bonini (EatSF/ Vouchers4Veggies); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Guillermo Reece (SFAAFBC); Hannah Smith (SFUSD); Jeimil Belamide (Cal Fresh/Human Service Agency); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand); Meredith Terrell; Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security); Priti Rane (SFDPH MCAH/WIC); Mei Ling Hui (Rec and Park/Urban Agriculture); Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank); Emily Cohen (Homeless and Supportive Housing); Tiffany Kearny (DAS)

**Also Present:** Susie Smith (HSA Food Access); Tommy McClain (HSA Food Access); Fiona McBride (HSA Food Access); Lea Troeh (UCSF/EatSF Vouchers4Veggies); Michael Pon (UCSF/ EatSF Vouchers4Veggies); Arya C; Anthony Khalil (BVHP Advocates); Erin Franey (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Geoffrea Morris (Bayview Hunters Point Senior Services/Food Empowerment Market); Haley Nielsen (Farming Hope); Jade Quizon (API Council); Katherine Merriman (ZSFG); La Rhonda Reddic (SFDPH - Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); DeJanelle Bovell (SFDPH - Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Laura Urban (Children’s Council - Health and Nutrition); Alexis Dailey (SFDPH - Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Naomi Maisel (Farming Hope); Tiffany Dang; Zoe Womack (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Sara Draper – Zivetz (SF Market); Asha Chirackal; Carolyn Lasar (SF Market); Cathy Huang (SFHSA Food Access); Eleanor Hulse; El Garcia; Jordan Brown; Leah Walton (DAS); Cindy Lin (HSA Food Access)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Next Steps
1. Call order to order	1:34 pm Cissie Bonini called meeting to order.	None.
2. Land Acknowledgement	Cissie Bonini read the Land Acknowledgment.	None.
3. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini.	Cissie read the roll call, and other meeting attendees introduced themselves in the chat.	None.
4. Approval of minutes from July 13, 2022 & August 3, 2022	<p>Cissie Bonini asked for the Task Force members for their discussion, comments, or changes to the July meeting minutes. Tiffany Kearny moved to approve the minutes from July and Chester Williams seconded the motion. There were no abstentions. The motion was passed, and the July meeting minutes were approved.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini asked for the Task Force members for their discussion, comments, or changes to the August meeting minutes. "Rollin' Root", not "Rolling Route" spelling correction from Erin Franey. The following amendment was proposed by Jeimil Belamide (HSA), "We are leaning once implemented"</p>	Post approved meeting minutes to FSTF website

	<p>change to “we will provide options for completing requirement once implemented”. Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre) provided the motion to move to approve the minutes, and Jeimil Belamide seconded the motion. With no abstentions, the motion passed, and the August meeting minutes were approved with the amendments.</p> <p>Public Comment: N/A</p>	
5. General Public Comment	N/A	None.
6. Presentation on SFUSD Student Nutrition Services, Hannah Smith, SFUSD	<p>Hannah Smith from the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) presented on the School Nutrition Services (SNS). Their mission and vision states they’re committed to providing students the equitable support they need to thrive inside and outside the classroom.</p> <p>The following are categories of SFUSD’s meal services: McAteer Culinary Center prepares meals for 2 high schools and 11 standalone sites and accounts for 10% of meals distributed to SFUSD students. Refresh is the name of the program where the in-house meals are prepared on-site and account for 35% of meals distributed to SFUSD students. Revolution Food delivers vended meals fresh daily to be heated and served at schools and accounts for about 55% of meals serviced to students.</p> <p>SNS serves breakfast, lunch, and snacks to Early Education sites, Elementary, Junior, and High schools. Supper is included in after-school programs that qualify. Snacks used to be available for all students but due to the federal waiver expiring, it brings SFUSD back to original regulations of only serving snacks to preschool students.</p> <p>All youth 18 and under can pick up a supper meal from any qualified after-school site. Meals must be consumed on-site. All meals are no charge to students and families under Universal Meals/California Meals for All. Find a list of SFUSD schools serving supper at after-school programs for the 2022-23 school year at <a href="https://sfusd.edu/schoolfood">sfusd.edu/schoolfood</a>. It is important for families to continue to complete the Multipurpose Family Income Form (MFIF). The Multipurpose Family Income Form (MFIF) is still important to support funding for school sites. By submitting the annual MFIF on SchoolCafe.com, you can help increase funding for classroom supplies, school staff salaries, and more in support of your students’ learning. Learn more at <a href="https://sfusd.edu/MFIF">sfusd.edu/MFIF</a>.</p>	None.

SFUSD Updates:

For the upcoming school year 2022-2023, schools will have buffet style vegetable service, SNS will eliminate sporkette sets, and replace them with single utensils. Individual milk cartons will be replaced with cups and self-serve organic milk dispensers. New kitchens are currently in production at A.P Giannini Junior High School, Thurgood Marshall Jr. Highschool, and Marina Jr. High school to prep and provide quality meals. Electrical systems have been upgraded at 26 school sites. Over 30 schools have new refrigerators.

FSTF Member Questions/Comments:

Guillermo Reece (SFAAFBC): As an individual involved in the Fall 2020 delivering food to St. Paul of the Shipwreck, I would like to compliment you on the positive movements towards feeding the students. It looks a lot better than what we were doing in 2020!

Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign): Thank you. I've been involved in SFUSD school's need for improvement, and you've done a lot. You've made a mega-jump in the community. Communication about this needs to get out to the parents specifically. A lot of their concerns are the feeding of children in the areas you are addressing.

Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security): This was incredible, I'm floored by the infrastructure updates. Hannah Smith responded to Paula Jones: Infrastructure makes all the difference.

Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank): These are amazing advancements. You've mentioned a form for families to fill out--What's your plan to get them completed as we work with a lot of groups that are hesitant to provide private information? Hannah Smith responded to Meg Davidson: We will work with an Engagement Manager to assess adequate communication efforts with schools and principals to provide the correct messaging on what the form is and how it is used. We also partner with local organizations and wellness programs across the district. Overall, it is a big effort, and we have a tab on our website detailing additional information on this process. If anyone wants to partner or has specific ways to get information to families, we can get connected and work together.

	<p>Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre): Are you based out of SOTA or McAteer? What is that relationship, and how does that work? It sounds like a class. Hannah Smith responded: Nomenclature of schools can be confusing. McAteer is the SOTA campus, and the names are essentially interchangeable. There are two high schools in that space (School of the Arts (SOTA) and McAteer SF). That whole campus/plot of land is what we refer to as the McAteer Culinary Center. Refresh is just the brand name of the program; it is not a cooking class.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini (EatSF/ Vouchers4Veggies) read the following question from the chat: Is the universal school meals legislation permanent, or just for this year? Hannah Smith responded: It is permanent for the foreseeable future. It is not just for this year.</p> <p>A meeting attendee asked the following question: Why is SFUSD not using reusable metal utensils? Hanna Smith responded: SFUSD lacks the capacity to clean. We're not at a point where we can receive and clean reusable materials. We made a push to get there, but we have pivoted since the pandemic started.</p> <p>Susie Smith asked Hannah Smith: Is there additional data available on the recipients? Earlier, you mentioned the number of meals served, do you know how many unique families the program serves? Hannah Smith responded: In the slides that I shared; lunch is the meal most participated in, and the numbers listed are per student per day. We don't capture the number of families. Susie Smith then asked the following question: Do you know if students are participating in more than one meal program? Hannah Smith responded: We aren't counting that way, but it would be interesting.</p> <p>Jade Quizon (API Council) asked in chat: exciting changes at SFUSD! I'm curious what a typical meal looks like for students and the type of feedback you're getting from students on them? Hannah Smith shared that the typical meal is described in the presentation slides. Meg Davison (Marin Food Bank) added the following comment in the chat: The SNS Twitter account shares pics of menu items regularly too!</p> <p>Public Comment: N/A</p>	
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<p>7. Food Empowerment Market update, Geoffrea Morris, Project Consultant to Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services</p>	<p>Geoffrea Morris, Project Consultant for BVHP Multipurpose Senior Services presented an update on District 10's Food Empowerment Market. Geoffrea Morris presented information on who is eligible to shop at the market, populations that will be prioritized, organizations/clinics that can refer others to the market, food sourcing, and community engagement.</p> <p>What is a food empowerment market (FEM)? It is a market, NOT a pantry, that offers free to low-cost food. D10's FEM was created by Supervisor Ahsha Safai 2021 under ordinance 102-21. The market focuses not only on food but nutrition, and connection to services and workforce development opportunities. Community engagement and dignity of offerings and services are some of FEM's core tenets. The market location will be 5030 Third Street and expected to open in November 2022.</p> <p>FEM Participants must reside in D-10 and either receive public assistance, be undocumented, and/or ineligible for government assistance but affiliated with a partnering CBO. Priority will be given to patient referrals from medical clinics within D10 who service D10 patients and to families with children classified as overweight. Surveys will be taken in person with customer service and during the referral process.</p> <p>Applications are being accepted to hire supportive staff for D10's FEM by September 2022. A Community Advisory Board of 6-12 members need to be formed by October 2022.</p> <p>Anthony Khalil (BVHP Advocates) shared the following comment: Food sovereignty will become a reality in our community. He's proud to be collaborating on this historic project. The legacy of food insecurity has existed for decades now and is misaligned. Putting food security in the hands of people most impacted by it is how we change that legacy. It is similar to how SFUSD is transforming food security in schools. We've been focusing on how to source the highest quality and nutrient-dense foods straight to our Southeast community. It is about providing an experience of integrity and dignity. Providing an update every month or every other month on what's happening on the ground.</p> <p>FSTF Member Comments:</p>	<p>None.</p>
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	<p>Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre): Regarding the FEM mission, I applaud it 100%. I didn't hear about Mother Brown, George Davis or Rafiki in your presentation. Do they fit in? Geoffrea Morris responded: Bayview Senior Center has the contract and we have not solidified who the community partners are. We have been hosting meetings to let people know what the FEM is now that we confirmed a site.</p> <p>Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign) shared that he will be monitoring the idea of the program to see where it goes. We need younger, more vibrant voices to be in the community. It is important that you are talking about family as that's the key to the Bayview community. The FEM will be able to provide a wider area of support.</p> <p>A meeting attendee asked the following: How are you getting ongoing support? Geoffrea Morris responded with the following: We're looking at different software for the check-out counter and customer service. By end of the month, we should know what social service software we will use. At the end of the month, we'll submit progress report, and we will have more to share in November.</p> <p>Public Comment:</p> <p>Anthony Khalil added the following comment: The layout, check out systems, and payment system are still being worked out. There are only about four FEM across the country, and we've visited them to learn how we adapt and apply the concept here. We need to consider walk-ups. How to have a dignified shopping experience. It's an adaptive process. We are building the plane as we go. It is important to share that this is a market, not a pantry.</p> <p>A meeting attendee shared that they appreciate the central location of the market. Geoffrea Morris responded: Yes, perfect location with many public transit options nearby.</p> <p>Ellen Garcia asked: How is this different from a pantry? Are you looking at the hybrid payment model or will everything be free? Are you hoping to have a wider selection? Geoffrea Morris responded: It will have a wider selection and food will be free for the first 2 years. We need to monitor the quantity people take in order to hypothesize how much food people will need on the shelves per day/week.</p>	
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	<p>Tiffany Kearny: You've circled around it but in terms of the offerings, will it be free for two years? In the presentation it was presented as free or low cost. Geoffrea Morris responded with the following: The ordinance lays out that it can be either or, we decided it would be free for the first two years.</p> <p>La Rhonda Reddic asked: Do you mention an open date? Did you mention the hours? Geoffrea Morris shared: We expect the market to be open by the end of November. We will share that additional information in the next meeting presentations with the FSTF.</p> <p>Cindy Lin (Human Service Agency) shared they appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and patience as there are many revolving parts.</p>	
<p>8. HSA Food Coordination Group update, Cindy Lin, HSA</p>	<p>We launched two RFPs many weeks ago, both are now closed. The RFPs were for the Alamany Farmers Market Supplemental Match program and to support holiday food distribution events. There are no active RFPs currently out there, but Cindy Lin is expecting to share more next month.</p> <p>Community Listening Sessions: The purpose of the sessions was to focus on young children and their difficulties with food access. HSA was looking to learn how to support grantees and immigrant populations. The last session was to support other groups (e.g., LGBTQ community). Cindy Lin requests additional thoughts and feedback from the sessions over email.</p> <p>The HSA Food Coordination Group is currently modifying some grants, so they last a full fiscal year. HSA can only extend grants for 7 months. This is being done since HSA received additional dollars to add to the contracts after the budget cycle. Cindy Lin thanks everyone for their patience.</p> <p>FSTF Member Comment: Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security) asked: Would you be open to sharing what you learned from the Listening Sessions at future FSTF meetings? Cindy Lin responded: We can share a high-level summary and poll results. We'll talk offline about additional items to add to the agenda.</p> <p>Public Comment: N/A</p>	<p>None.</p>

<p>9. FSTF 2022 Recommendations timeline and next steps, discussion of 2023 Recommendations, Cissie Bonini, Vouchers 4 Veggies/EatSF</p>	<p>Cissie Bonini, FSTF Chair presented FSTF Annual Recommendations. The FSTF is looking for volunteers to assist with updating last year's recommendations. The update will make the recommendations more actionable and ensure community voice and leadership.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini (EatSF/ Vouchers4Veggies) reviewed the 2022 Recommendations and the timeline created around budget dates. FSTF will start budget conversations earlier as departments submit their budgets earlier as well. Cissie Bonini proposed that we update 2022 recommendations to include actions items that are still in progress and approve in November meeting. The Plan is to put together a brief by November to be ready to present to department heads and other stakeholders.</p> <p>FSTF Member Comments:</p> <p>Mei Ling Hui (Rec and Park/Urban Agriculture): She mentioned Alemany Farm collaboration and suggested bringing them into talk about their work. Urban Sprouts program is growing food, it would be good to hear from them as well.</p> <p>Guillermo Reece (SFAAFBC) asked: Will you provide updates in November? Cissie Bonini (EatSF/ Vouchers4Veggies) responded: We'll be reorganizing our recommendations, updating the data and context to continue the discussions. FSTF is looking for volunteers to help with the former. FSTF is looking for housing providers for help putting together a brief for interventions occurring in housing. If interested, please let Cissie Bonini know. Task Force members Paula Jones, Mei Ling Hui, Meg Davidson, Meredith Terrell, and Tiffany Kearney volunteered to support efforts during the meeting.</p> <p>Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security) asked: Emily Cohen, can you review the brief on housing and food? Emily Cohen (Homeless and Supportive Housing) agreed to review.</p> <p>Michael Pon added to the chat: If folx are interested in getting more involved in food sovereignty at the regional level, check out the People's Food and Farm Project:  <a href="https://www.peoplesfoodandfarmproject.org/">https://www.peoplesfoodandfarmproject.org/</a></p> <p>Public Comment: N/A</p>	<p>Cissie Bonini proposed that the FSTF update 2022 recommendations to include actions items that are still in progress and approve in November meeting.</p>
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<p>10. Food Security Task Force website transition, La Rhonda Reddic and DeJanelle Bovell, DPH Office of Anti Racism and Equity</p>	<p>DeJanelle Bovell and La Rhonda Reddic presented on the Food Security Task Force website transition. The FSTF website will be moving from sfmph.org to sf.gov. The FSTF is asked to provide feedback on what content is used, and the most helpful information. The new website is slated to be active at the beginning of the new year 2023.</p> <p>FSTF members Comments:</p> <p>Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign) shared the following: I like it already. I think you got it right, keep it simple. Even if it's not colorful, things are easy. We can get more of the community to access this information on what we can link.</p> <p>Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank) shared the following comment to the chat: Accessing presentations is important to us.</p> <p>Public Comment: N/A</p>	<p>Email feedback by 10/19/22</p>
<p>11. Food Security Task Force member updates</p>	<p>Jeimil Belamde (CalFresh/HSA): CalFresh Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy</li> <li>- The interview requirement for CalFresh applications and recertification is waived for most households until 12/31/2022.</li> <li>- The Emergency Allotment supplement which raises CalFresh benefits to the maximum amount for a household size is approved for October 2022.</li> <li>- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) continues its work with counties to increase CalFresh participation among eligible college students.</li> <li>- Participation</li> <li>- As of September 2022, the CalFresh caseload in San Francisco is 71,993 households (99,112 individuals).</li> </ul> <p>Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security): The Human Rights Commission is hosting events on different days around economic empowerment. Link to HRC Pathways to Parity:  <a href="https://pages.e2ma.net/pages/1952923/37844?utm_campaign=SFHRCpathwaystoparity">https://pages.e2ma.net/pages/1952923/37844?utm_campaign=SFHRCpathwaystoparity</a></p> <p>Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign): On Oct. 22 from 10 am-4 pm, the new Bayview Southeast Community Center is having a Grand Opening! The location is on Evans and 3<sup>rd</sup> St next to</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>the City College building (Address: 1550 Evans). Please attend and talk to D10 community members about what we do and what we hope to accomplish. There was also the opening of the new health clinic, please check it out.</p> <p>Meg Davidson (SF Marin Food Bank): The live stream from WH Hunger, Nutrition and Health. All sessions are available at the link below. There was a fairly comprehensive structure, and it was good to see how priorities are aligned. Cissie Bonini (EatSF/ Vouchers4Veggies) added: It is good to see discussions on produce prescriptions. This is great momentum to bring to the federal level. Link to WH Hunger, Nutrition and Health conference: <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/White-House-National-Strategy-on-Hunger-Nutrition-and-Health-FINAL.pdf">https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/White-House-National-Strategy-on-Hunger-Nutrition-and-Health-FINAL.pdf</a>.</p>	
12. Adjournment	Adjournment 3:30pm	